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SUBJECT: UK COMMENT ON FRENCH NUCLEAR TEST

REF: STATE 128488, LONDON 5543, MAY 11, 1973

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF WRITTEN ANSWER TO PARLIAMENTARY  
QUESTION ON FRENCH NUCLEAR TEST FROM HANSARD OF JUNE 13,  
1974:

"MR. CLEMITSON ASKED THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR  
FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS WHAT REPRESENTATIONS  
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HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT HAVE MADE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF

FRANCE ABOUT THEIR ATMOSPHERIC NUCLEAR TESTS IN THE PACIFIC OCEAN, IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE INTERESTS OF BRITISH SUBJECTS IN THE AREA.

"MR. JAMES CALLAGHAN: I ASKED THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR TO CALL YESTERDAY AND EXPRESSED TO HIM HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT'S DEEP REGRET THAT THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT HAD DECIDED TO CARRY OUT A FURTHER SERIES OF ATMOSPHERIC NUCLEAR TESTS IN THE PACIFIC THIS YEAR. I TOLD HIM THAT WE WERE GLAD TO NOTE THAT THIS WAS TO BE THE LAST SUCH SERIES AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT WHEN IT IS COMPLETE THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT WOULD THEN SEE NO OBSTACLE TO ACCEDING TO THE PARTIAL TEST BAN TREATY. IN THE INTERESTS OF THE INHABITANTS OF BRITISH DEPENDENT TERRITORIES IN THE AREA WE SHALL CARRY OUT RADIOLOGICAL MONITORING OF THESE TESTS."

2. CALLAGHAN'S STATEMENT WAS REPORTED WIDELY IN LOCAL PRESS. FCO OFFICIAL REPORTED THAT THE STATEMENT IS FULL DESCRIPTION OF HMG POLICY ON FRENCH NUCLEAR TESTING. WE NOTE THAT CALLAGHAN STATEMENT IS CONSIDERABLY HARDER THAN POSITION TAKEN BY CONSERVATIVE GOVERNMENT IN 1973. AT THAT TIME PRIME MINISTER HEATH MERELY SAID HE HOPED ALL COUNTRIES WITH NUCLEAR CAPABILITY WOULD ACCEDE TO PARTIAL TEST BAN TREATY AND THAT HMG VIEWS HAD BEEN "MADE KNOWN" TO GOF. CALLAGHAN STATED THAT FRENCH AMBASSADOR HAD BEEN CALLED IN AND THAT HMG HAD EXPRESSED "DEEP REGRET" AT GOF DECISION TO CARRY OUT 1974 SERIES.

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